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Senator Bob Duff, Co-chair Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee

Representative Edwin Vargas, Co-Chair Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee

Legislative Office Building - Room 1000 300 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Duff and Representative Vargas,

As you are aware, Governor Ned Lamont recently nominated Thomas J. Saadi to continue to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs. As the co-chairs of the Executive and Legislative Nomination Committee, I am writing to you to express support of Mr. Saadi's confirmation as Commissioner of Veterans Affairs.

I have gotten to know Mr. Saadi over the last ten years in my former capacity as Executive Director of CityCenter Danbury, previously as a fellow member of the Danbury Democratic Town Committee, and in the last year as the Danbury DTC Chair.

Tom has been an invaluable resource to the residents of the Danbury. He has been civically engaged in all aspects of the community for the past 20-plus years, especially in his role as City Council member. He is a compassionate and tireless worker for the issues that impact his constituents. His willingness to take on problems and work to their best resolution is recognized and held in high regard. The State of Connecticut will be most fortunate to have him representing and advocating on behalf of our veterans.

For these reasons and many others, I, and the entire Danbury Democratic Town Committee, whole-heartedly support his confirmation as Commissioner of Veterans Affairs.

With Kindest Regards,

Andrea Gartner, Chairman

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